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South African Radio League Suid-Afrikaanse Radioliga
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ZSOHQ in Contests

The ZSOHQ call sign will be on the air during the RSGB Commonwealth CW Contest on 14 and 15 March 2009. Andrew, ZS6AA will be operating as ZSOHQ.

IARU HF Championships in July. If you and your club would like to operate ZSOHQ on behalf of the SARL HQ during the IARU HF Championships in July please contact Dennis, ZS4BS. ZSOHQ is a multiplier station during this contest.

Why does Dennis not want to operate ZSOHQ? As a member of the IARU Region 1 Executive, he is also a multiplier station. Therefore, from South Africa we can have two stations giving out multipliers.

C91FC DXpedition

The C91FC DXpedition to Mozambique will take place from Thursday 9 April to Monday 13 April 2009. The team will once again be lead by Philip, ON4AEO, who last year lead a team of operators to Lesotho for the 7P8FC expedition. The team is made up of the following operators: Philip, ON4AEO, Kath, ON7BK, Sid, ZS6AYC, Adele, ZR6APT, Gert, ZS6GC, Lucas, ZS6ACT, Jan, ZS5JC, Deon, ZS6ABR, Jose', ON4CJK, Herman, ZS5LH and Steffi, ON3AEO.

The team hopes to be active on Phone, RTTY, PSK and CW on 80, 40, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 metres.

The QSL Manager is ON4CJK and you either can QSL via the bureau or direct. It is requested that direct cards must be accompanied with 1 IRC or 2 green stamps with a self addressed envelope, failing which cards will be returned via the bureau. The QSL address is Jose' Duyck, Molenakker 56, 8740 Egen, Belgium.

More information regarding the expedition can be obtained from the C91FC web site at www.c91fc.be

News from the DXCC Desk

27 February 2009. Concept of Deleted Entities Reinstated

Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL Awards Manager, reports the following - In 2000, DXCC program rules were modified substantially in an effort to create simplified and stronger rules that would help make DXCC work well in the 21st century while tightening the DXCC List Criteria. At the same time, the DXCC Challenge Award/competition was created as part of the modernization effort. The Challenge is intended to allow for an energetic new pursuit in DXing that focuses on

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statistics based upon only current entities on the List. The Challenge has been highly successful.

Another change resulting from this rules modernization was a subtle change from "deleting entities" to "removing entities." The intent of this change was to no longer allow the addition of deleted entities to the Deleted Entity List. In the subsequent years since DXCC 2000, there have been few issues with this concept and resultant little attention given to the realities of the ideological change. Recently, however, since the rollout of Logbook of the World (LoTW) and various political changes internationally, it has become evident that the program should return the concept of deleting entities for mostly administrative reasons. "Removing" an entity from the DXCC system is non-trivial if not impossible. Also, the success of the DXCC Challenge and the DXCC Honour Roll have made a great game better by providing a playing field that isn't heavily biased by age.

It seems that the concept of a "deleted" entity - one that is marked as deleted and not applicable to Honour Roll or Challenge but that still exists in the records - is an elegant solution to the problem of changes in entity status. Distinguishing entities that are no longer extant makes sense as a means of levelling the playing field for younger participants in DXCC, but to wipe out someone's past accomplishments altogether just seems too drastic.

At its last meeting the ARRL Programs and Services Committee decided that administratively the concept of deleted entities should be returned to the DXCC program. Necessary changes to Section II, DXCC List Criteria have been made to the rules and part 5 is renamed Deletion Criteria. The concepts for deleting an entity do not change. If an entity is deleted, it will be added to the Deleted Entities List and the statistical records for DXCC participants will be adjusted accordingly, just as they had been in the years prior to 2000. The numbers shown in the individual DXCC records lists have always included the Deleted Entities. No DXCC participant needs to take any action at all.

Results of the SARL HF Field Day

The following logs have been received for the first leg of the SARL HF Field Day - ZS2EC, ZU4PE, ZS4JAN, ZS4SRK, ZS6LRK, ZU6M, ZS6BB, ZS6MRK, ZS1TB, ZS6XT, ZS5PMB, ZS6STN, ZS6M, ZR5WOZ, ZS6MHH, ZS5JC, ZS3AOR, ZS6WR, ZR5JF, ZS1CT and ZS5BG. Twenty-one logs - 20 for the contest and one check log. There could be a log or two still in the post, if they were posted on Monday 2 March.

Unfortunately, not everybody read the general rules for SARL contests; I refer to paragraph 4 and 5, and submitted logs that do not match the rules. No, I will not disqualify them, but I may invoke Rule 11.d and we could end up with more check logs and less contest logs. That ADIF or Cabrillo print from your electronic log programme does not match up to the contest rules.

The results? We will start working on the logs after this weekend, must give the snail mail logs a chance to drop into the post box.

DX News from Africa

Nigeria, 5N. Bodo, DL3OCH (KT3Q) will be working in Nigeria from 5 March until 24 July. He plans to operate EME and on the HF bands (160 metres included) probably as 5N/KT3Q. Hopefully he will also go and operate from IOTA group AF-076. QSL via DL3OCH.

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Reunion Island, FR. Stephane, F5UOW will be active holiday style as FR/F5UOW from Boucan Canot, Reunion Island (AF-016) on 8 - 22 March. He will operate mainly CW on 20 metres.

Chad, TT. Frank, F4BQO will be active again as TT8CF from Chad from 27 February to 1 July. He plans to operate CW and SSB on the HF bands. QSL direct to F4BQO.

Lesotho, 7P. Tim, MOURX, reports that John, 9M6XRO, is planning once again to be in Southern Africa this year. An E-mail by John explains (edited): "I can now confirm my Africa trip dates. I arrive in Johannesburg via Kuala Lumpur and Doha on July 25th, 3 days earlier than planned. I can then help Daniel, ZS6JR, load up and move all the gear to Lesotho (7P) and get the antennas and equipment set-up before the others arrive in Lesotho on the 29th. I hope to put ZS6/GM3OOK on the air for a bit en route possibly from the 25th evening. Daniel has not yet confirmed the date we will drive to Lesotho. Looks like I will also have the option of operating from Swaziland again as 3DA0OK, but the duration and dates will depend on the logistics of the whole operation, as everyone is due back in Johannesburg on August 13th. I will keep you updated on that part of the itinerary. My flight back to Borneo leaves on August 14th, once again via Doha. QSL via MOURX."

Morocco, CN. Hartwig, DL7BC, will be active as CN2BC during the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest (28 and 29 March) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via DL7BC.

Beam Headings

The North Jersey DX Association provides personalised beam headings centred on your location to every entity on the DXCC list. The Beam Headings page can be found on the redesigned NJDXA website at <http://njdx.org/dx-tools/beam-headings.php>

Desecheo, K5D

On 25 February the team began to scale down the operation and prepare for leaving the island, with three stations remaining active until local dawn on departure day. K5D went QRT around 09:40 UTC on 26 February, after 115 728 QSOs (contact number 100 000 was made at 04:14 UTC on the 24th.) The Online QSL Request System (OQRS) has been activated and now you are able to request your QSLs in one of four ways: OQRS Direct, OQRS Bureau, direct mail to N200, or via bureau to N200.

A fourth interview with Glenn Johnson, W0GJ, expedition co-leader, can be found on the Documentary Archive's Desecheo special web page www.dokufunk.org/desecheo. The interview was given via satphone to Wolf Harranth, OE1WHC on 23 February.

Contest Calendar

This week's contests compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is 2 to 9 March 2009

NCCC Sprint

02:30 - 03:00 UTC 6 Mar

Mode: (see rules)

Bands: (see rules)

Classes: (none)

Exchange: (see rules)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 8 March 2009

E-mail logs to: (none)

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Post log summary at:

www.hornucopia.com/3830score/

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: www.ncccsprint.com/rules.htm

ARRL International DX SSB Contest

00:00 UTC 7 Mar to 24:00 UTC 8 Mar

Mode: SSB

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 m

Classes: Single Op All Band (QRP/Low/High);

Single Op Single Band; Single Op Assisted;

Multi-Single; Multi-Two; Multi-Multi

Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 150 watts;

QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: W/VE: RS and (state/province);
non-W/VE: RS and power

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 3 points per QSO

Multipliers: W/VE: Each DXCC country once
per band; Non-W/VE: Each state, District of
Columbia, VE province/territory once per
band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO
points x total mults

Submit logs by: 6 April 2009

E-mail logs to: DXPhone[at]arrl[dot]org

Mail logs to: ARRL Intl DX Contest, Phone,
ARRL, 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111,
USA

Find rules at:

www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2009/intldx.html

Wake-Up! QRP Sprint

04:00 - 04:29 UTC; 04:30 - 04:59 UTC;

05:00 - 05:29 UTC and 05:30 - 06:00 UTC 7
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Mode: CW

Bands: 40 and 20 m

Classes: (none)

Max power: 5 watts

Exchange: RST, Serial No and suffix of pre-
vious QSO ("QRP" for 1st QSO)

Work stations: Once per band per period

QSO Points: 1 point per km

Multipliers: 1 point per new station worked
on each band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO
points x total multiplier points

Submit logs by: 14 March 2009

E-mail logs to: ru-grp-club[at]mail[dot]ru

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

<http://grp.ru/modules/sections/index.php?p=viewarticle&artid=7&page=1>

Open Ukraine RTTY Championship

22:00 - 23:59 UTC 7 Mar (Low Band); 00:00

- 01:59 UTC 8 Mar (Low Band) and 08:00 -
11:59 UTC 8 Mar (High Band)

Mode: RTTY

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 m

Classes: Single Op Multi-Band; Single Op
Single Band; Multi-Op Multi-Band

Exchange: 2-letter regional abbreviation
(state, province, canton, etc) and Serial No
(restart serial no for high band)

Work stations: Once per band per period

QSO Points: 2 points per QSO; 10 points per
new region once per band per period

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total points

Submit logs by: 8 April 2009

E-mail logs to:

krs[at]model[dot]poltava[dot]ua

Mail logs to: George Ignatov (UT1HT), PO
Box 87, Kremenchug-21 39621, Ukraine

Find rules at:

www.ucc.zp.ua/rtty2009rules_eng.htm

SKCC Weekend Sprint

00:00 - 24:00 UTC 8 Mar

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 and 6 m

Classes: (none)

Exchange: Name, state, province or country
and SKCC No or "NONE"

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Bonus Points: 5 points per Centurion member

QSO per band; Bonus Points: 10 points per

Tribune member QSO per band; Bonus

Points: 25 points per QSO with SKCC club
call per band

Multipliers: Each state, province or country
once

Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO
points x total mults) and bonus points

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you log?**



Submit logs by: 13 March 2009

Post log summary at:

www.skccgroup.com/sprint/wes/wes-submit.html

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

www.skccgroup.com/sprint/wes/

UBA Spring CW Contest

07:00 - 11:00 UTC 8 Mar

Mode: CW

Bands: 80 m Only

Classes: Single; SWL

Max power: non-QRP: >5 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: ON: RST, Serial No and UBA Section; non-ON: RST and Serial No

QSO Points: 3 points per QSO with Belgian station

Multipliers: Each UBA Section

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 29 March 2009

E-mail logs to: [ubaspring\[at\]uba\[dot\]be](mailto:ubaspring[at]uba[dot]be)

Mail logs to: Michel Gertis, ON4CAQ, Momestraat 69, B-3550 Heusden Zolder, Belgium

Find rules at:

www.uba.be/vhf/contest/spring2009_GB.pdf

DARC 10-Metre Digital Contest

11:00 - 17:00 UTC 8 Mar

Mode: RTTY, Amtor, Clover, PSK31, Pactor

Bands: 10 m Only

Classes: Single Op; SWL

Exchange: RST and Serial No

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: Each WAE/DCXX area; Each W/VE call area

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 7 April 2009

E-mail logs to: [df5bx\[at\]darc\[dot\]de](mailto:df5bx[at]darc[dot]de)

Mail logs to: Werner Ludwig, DF5BX, PO Box 1270, 49110 Georgsmarienhütte, Germany

Find rules at: www.darc.de/referate/ukw-funksport/sonder/tei-digi.htm

NSARA Contest

11:00 - 15:00 UTC 8 Mar and 17:00 - 21:00 UTC 8 Mar

Mode: CW, Phone

Bands: 80 m Only

Classes: Single Transmitter

Exchange: Nova Scotia: RS(T) and county; non-NS: RS(T)

Work stations: Once per mode

QSO Points: 1 point per Phone QSO; 2 points per CW QSO

Multipliers: Nova Scotia counties once

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 8 April 2009

E-mail logs to: [ve1pjs\[at\]rac\[dot\]ca](mailto:ve1pjs[at]rac[dot]ca)

Mail logs to: Peter J. Surette, VE1JPS, 55 Edgewood Drive, Turo, Nova Scotia B2N 1P1, Canada

Find rules at:

<http://nsara.ve1cfy.net/nsaracst.htm>

Next Week's Contests

CLARA HF Contest, 17:00 UTC 10 Mar to 17:00 UTC 11 Mar; 17:00 UTC 14 Mar to 17:00 UTC 15 Mar

RSGB 80 m Club CW Championship, 20:00 - 21:30 UTC 11 Mar

NCCC Sprint, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 13 Mar

HA3NS Sprint Memorial Contest, 18:30 - 19:00 UTC 13 Mar (80 m); 19:00 - 19:30 UTC 13 Mar (40 m)

RSGB Commonwealth Contest, 10:00 UTC 14 Mar to 10:00 UTC 15 Mar

AGCW QRP Contest, 14:00 - 20:00 UTC 14 Mar

ARCI HF Grid Square Sprint, 15:00 - 18:00 UTC 14 Mar

EA PSK31 Contest, 16:00 UTC 14 Mar to 16:00 UTC 15 Mar

SOC Marathon Sprint, 18:00 - 24:00 UTC 14 Mar

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Idaho QSO Party, 19:00 UTC 14 Mar to 19:00 UTC 15 Mar
North American Sprint, RTTY, 00:00 - 04:00 UTC 15 Mar
UBA Spring Contest, 6m, 07:00 - 11:00 UTC 15 Mar
Wisconsin QSO Party, 18:00 UTC 15 Mar to 01:00 UTC 16 Mar
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest, 02:00 - 04:00 UTC 16 Mar
Bucharest Contest, 16:00 - 17:29 UTC 16 Mar and 17:30 - 18:59 UTC 16 Mar

Scouts support Earth Hour 2009

As many of you will know, I am involved with the Scout Movement, (my call sign is ZS4 Boy Scout) and here is an initiative they are doing for the 3rd year. I am sure we as radio amateurs can support them.

Earth Hour is an initiative that started in Sydney Australia in 2007 with 2.2 million homes and businesses turning their lights off for one hour. In 2008, only a year later, this event had become a global sustainability movement with up to 50 million people across 35 countries participating. Global landmarks such as the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, Rome's Colosseum and the Coca Cola billboard in Times Square, all stood in darkness, as symbols of hope for a cause that grows more urgent by the hour.

At 20:30 on 28 March 2009, towns and cities across the world will turn off their lights for one hour sending a powerful global message that it is possible to take action on global warming.

Scouts and their families in their homes, offices and communities are encouraged to switch off their lights for one hour. As the members of the World Scout Youth Forum introduced this initiative and as the environment is of particular interest to young people, we would like this to be a youth led initiative. We would like to empower young people at all levels in our association to share this information, encourage Scouts to be ambassadors for Earth Hour and encourage their families, friends and other members of their community to be involved in this initiative.

There are many ways that the Scouts can support Earth Hour in 2009, from turning out the lights in buildings on the night through to spreading Earth Hour messaging and emissions targets to everyone in the community.

The following information explains various levels of commitment to Earth Hour.

1) Turn out lights at 20:30 on Saturday 28 March 2009

Turn out the lights in your offices, homes or community centres for one hour at 20:30 on Saturday 28 March 2009.

2) Communicate Earth Hour to friends, community groups and other networks

Provide information about Earth Hour to friends, community groups and other organizations the Scouts work with.

3) Communicate Earth Hour to your other offices nationally and globally

Talk to your offices in other cities both nationally and around the world, and explain what you are doing to support the movement. Encourage organization-wide participation.

4) Communicate long-term Earth Hour goals

Earth Hour is not just about one hour, it is about making long-term changes to the way we use energy both at school, at work and at home. When communicating with friends, parents, families, colleagues, community groups, be sure to include secondary messaging regarding emissions reductions, visit www.earthhour.org

5) Distribute Earth Hour posters and postcards

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Earth Hour uses two promotional products to promote the Earth Hour message to members of the public: the Earth Hour A2 poster and the Earth Hour postcard. Perhaps you can give our postcards to your contacts to promote Earth Hour. Would the Scouts like to co-brand postcards and posters to help spread the Earth Hour message?

Earth Hour can supply existing artwork for modification and logos for artwork or products for distribution.

6) Direct support for Earth Hour

Volunteer for Earth Hour - In the lead-up to 28 March, Earth Hour needs volunteers to help deliver the Earth Hour message and hand out Earth Hour postcards to the general public. Would the Scouts like to hear more about volunteer opportunities for Earth Hour during March 2009?

7) Make change an everyday part of your lives

Visit www.earthhour.org for information and case studies on how simple changes in the workplace, at school and at home can go a long way.

8) Sign up your local Scout Group at www.earthhour.org

Show your support for Earth Hour by signing up your local office at www.earthhour.org. It is free and we will send you regular Earth Hour updates and information.

9) Tell us what you are doing for Earth Hour

Earth Hour has many opportunities to feature what the Scouts are doing to support the initiative, from media and PR through to the Earth Hour website and e-mail bulletins.

To see an example of how Scouts at the 10th World Scout Youth Forum joined in Earth Hour please visit the following website:

www.scout.org/index.php/en/about_scouting/the_youth_programme/environment/environment_projects/youth_forum

You can also visit www.earthhour.org.za

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